

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend or add the paragraphs starting on these lines as follows:

Page 4, line 6 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the permanent mode, then the ~~sliding~~
~~mean variation per unit time~~ moving average of the gear ratio over a period of a plurality of unit
time intervals lies between a first threshold value that is negative and a second threshold value
that is positive; and

Page 4, line 11 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the transient mode, then said ~~sliding~~
~~mean variation per unit time~~ moving average of the gear ratio lies outside the range of values
defined by the first and second threshold value.

Page 9, line 11 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the permanent mode, then the ~~sliding mean~~
~~variation per unit time~~ moving average L' of the gear ratio L over a period T of a plurality of unit

time intervals t_1 lies between a first threshold value S_1 that is negative and a second threshold value S_2 that is positive; and

Page 9, line 17 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the transient mode, then said ~~sliding-mean variation-per-unit-time-moving average~~ L' of the gear ratio L lies outside the range of values defined by the first and second threshold values S_1 and S_2 .